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SUBJECT: AL HAMISHMAR SAYS US CONSUL GENERAL (JERUSALEM) PROMISES
TO ACT ON BEHALF OF HUNGER STRIKERS

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1. AL HAMISHMAR CARRIED A STORY (STERN) JANUARY 10
HEADLINED "U.S. CONSUL GENERAL PROMISES TO ACT ON BEHALF OF
HUNGER-STRIKERS IN DETENTION." BEGIN TEXT

2. A DELEGATION OF MOTHERS AND WIVES OF SOME 400 ARABS
DETAINED AT ASHKELON PRISON, WHO HAVE BEEN HOLDING A HUNGER
STRIKE FOR OVER THREE WEEKS NOW IN ORDER TO OBTAIN IM-
PROVED CONDITIONS, JOINED BY THE HEADS OF ARAB WOMEN'S
ORGANIZATIONS, MET WITH THE U.S. CONSUL GENERAL IN JERUSALEM
LAST WEEKEND AND REQUESTED HIS INTERCESSION WITH THE
GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS.
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3. THE CONSUL GENERAL PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE
MATTER AND PASS IT ON TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV,
STATING THAT HE WOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER
FOREIGN CONSULS IN JERUSALEM FOR A JUST SOLUTION OF THE
PROBLEM OF THESE DETAINEES--"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
GENEVA CONVENTION." IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS

THE FIRST OVERT AND UNUSUAL INTERVENTION BY ONE OF THE
CONSULS IN JERUSALEM,WHO HAVE OF LATE BEEN INTENSIFYING
THEIR ACTIVITY IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY AND ON
THE WEST BANK. (END TEXT)

4. COMMENT: APART FROM ITS LAST (QUESTIONABLE) SENTENCE,
AL HAMISMAR'S STORY APPEARS TO BE BASED ON THE INCORRECT
ARABIC NEWSPAPER STORIES CITED IN PARA 8 OF REFTEL.
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